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LITTLE EVIDENCE SEEN IN SALVADOR CERTIFICATIONS  
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The Reagan administration has little investigative evidence to support its contention that El Salvador's government is making a "concerted and significant effort" to respect human rights, according to U.S. officials and a House report.

These sources say U.S. intelligence agencies, which dug up volumes of information on leftist guerrilla activity, have paid scant attention to the government's alleged role in rightist death squads or to charges that Salvadoran troops fire on non-combatants.

CIA defenders say the reason for the lack of information on the right was the shortage of intelligence "assets" and the need to devote them to study the leftist insurgency.

"You go back to the '79-80 time frame, the answer is that there were almost no assets, and then as the assets were built up, they were concentrated on what was judged to be the highest priority problem," the leftist revolt, said retired Adm. Bobby R. Inman, who stepped down as deputy CIA director in June.

Others cited rules that bar U.S. military advisers from going with Salvadoran troops into combat areas where killing of non-combatants has allegedly occurred. In various interviews, Green Beret advisers said their knowledge was based on what the Salvadoran troops told them.

But a House intelligence committee staff report issued last month suggests the "dearth of firm information" on El Salvador's right-wing death squads stems from a lack of interest among U.S. policymakers and intelligence analysts.

The report said that when documents on rightist activity were captured from former Maj. Roberto D'Aubuisson in 1980, they were "virtually ignored not only by policymakers ... but more importantly by the intelligence community."

The documents, including arms lists and a log of meetings, were seized when D'Aubuisson and other rightists were arrested and charged with plotting a coup. The House report said that after the documents were turned over to the CIA, "their whereabouts is unknown."

The CIA has refused comment on the House report. D'Aubuisson is now head of El Salvador's Constituent Assembly.

About 38,000 people \_ mostly unarmed civilians \_ have died in the political violence that has ravaged El Salvador the past three years. Some human rights groups blame government forces and right-wing paramilitary groups for up to 80 percent of the killings. Few of the murders are investigated.

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